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Dear Watauga Elementary Families,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well. This is certainly a different kind of time we are living in. With each passing day, we learn more about COVID-19 and the decisions that are being made across the country that will impact us. Our state and our district have been responsive to these decisions and we, as a school campus, are following suit.

I want to encourage you to stay informed and as connected to school as possible. Please check our Facebook, Instagram, and/or Twitter pages daily. We keep those social media sites updated with helpful tips and strategies to use at home as you're working with your child on academic and/or social-emotional learning. We also share district and state school-related news with you on those sites. We have shared about the free lunch program on our social media sites and have shared with you the state's decision to cancel STAAR requirements for the year. Please stay as connected as you can.

Additionally, your teachers will be making contact with you (or already have) through their electronic communication tools -- they could use SeeSaw, Remind, or emails to contact you--depending on how they normally share information with you. Please be on the lookout for a word from your child's teacher. They will be sharing with you some tips and strategies for optional work to do during this week and next week.

One question that is on all of our minds is, "Will this extend past two weeks?" We do not know at this time. IF the quarantine is extended past these two weeks, the district is working on some remote learning options. These ideas and plans are still in the beginning discussion stages--but again--please stay connected with our social media sites and email so that we can keep you updated as news changes.

Above all else, I want you to know that our school family loves your family very much. I receive messages daily from teachers expressing their care and concern about our Wildcats. We want you all to stay healthy and safe. Please take care of each other and know that when we get to see each other again, it'll be a great day.

Very Sincerely,

Sarah Upchurch Principal

For tips and strategies to keep your body active and engaged, see these ideas from the PE Team:PE Tips and Strategies - SpanishPE Tips and Strategies - EnglishFor tips and strategies to engage the musical side of your brain, see these ideas from our Music Specialists:Music Tips and Strategies